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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF LUANDA PRESS FOR MAY 23

1. LOPO DE NASCIMENTO, MPLA'S MEMBER OF THE COLEGIAL PRESIDENCY STATED THAT UNITA AND NPLA DELEGATIONS WERE ON THEIR WAY TO KINSHASA TO SPEAK WITH HOLDEN ROBERTO ABOUT THE SUMMIT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS CERTAIN A SUMMIT CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, HE COULD NOT DIVULGE THE TIME AND PLACE BECAUSE AS YET THE THREE MOVEMENTS HAD NOT COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THESE TWO IMPORTANT ITEMS.

2. IN A NEWS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF

REVOLUTION IN LISBON AND REPRINTED IN THE ANGOLAN PRESS, THE AFM REITERATED ITS INTENTION TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THE ANGOLAN DECOLONIZATION PROCESS AND ITS SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION OF THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES IN ANGOLA. IT CALLED ON THE THREE OFFICIAL MOVEMENTS TO COME TOGETHER AND STATED THIS UNITY WILL PERMIT THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND SECURITY PROBLEMS TO BE RESOLVED. IT FURTHER STATED THAT THE

PORTUGUESE PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN CORRECTLY INFORMED ABOUT THE
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DECOLONIZATION PROCESS OF ANGOLA. THE INFORMATION GIVEN THEPOPULACE

HAS BEEN "DISTORTED, ALARMIST AND ONE SIDED."

3. IN ORDER TO INSURE THE SECURITY OF VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM DONDO (100 MILES SOUTH OF LUANDA) TO CATETE (40 MILES SOUTH OF DONDO) A CONVOY SYSTEM HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION. THIS IS THE BUSIEST STRETCH OF ROAD IN ANGOLA AND, OF LATE, IT HAS BEEN PLAGUED BY BANDITRY AND UNAUTHORIZED SEIZURES BY LIBERATION FORCES.

4. MPLA AND UNITA, "CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO BRING INDEPENDENCE PEACEFULLY TO ANGOLA", HAVE ISSUED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE LAMENTING THE RECENT INCIDENTS IN LOBITO, EXHORTING THE POPULACE TO BE CALM AND TO RETURN TO WORK. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO STATED THERE WAS NO REASON FOR THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES TO REMAIN IN LOBITO AS THE TWO MOVEMENTS WILL PUT THEIR TROOPS AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE MIXED MILITARY FORCES FOR THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL ARMY.

5. THE WORKERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN MPLA'S BELATED MAY DAY CELEBRATION MET AT 9:00 AM ON MAY 22 AND PRESENTED A LIST OF 18 DEMANDS TO THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT WERE:

A. THE DISMISSAL OF GENERAL SILVA CARDOSO FOR HIS PASSIVITY AND CONIVANCE IN THE RECENT MASSACRES AGAINST THE PEOPLE.

B. THE IMMEDIATE EXPULSION OF FORMER PIDE AND DGS AGENTS.

C. EXPLANATION OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE 100 MILLION ESCUDOS SUPPOSEDLY TAKEN BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH.

D. THE CLOSING OF "PROVINCIA DE ANGOLA" FOR AMONG OTHER THINGS, MANIPULATION OF PUBLIC OPINION.

E. A FREE RADIO STATION TO BENEFIT ALL THE PEOPLE AND NOT JUST THE THREE MOVEMENTS AND THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

F. REPLACEMENTS OF THE WHITE TECHNICIANS WHO HAVE FLED.

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G. A FIVE DAY - 40 HOUR WORK WEEK AND A NATIONAL MINIMUM SALARY.

I. AN END TO INFLATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRICE FREEZE.
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